

SPIKES

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees, without prejudice.

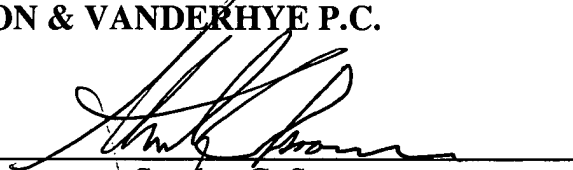
The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications and to include the abstract.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

A bearing includes a contact region (2) filled with lubricant (8) between two otherwise rubbing surfaces (4, 6). One surface moves relative to a stationary other. The moving surface entrains the lubricant into the contact region to generate pressure within the lubricant enabling support of a load whilst the lubricant slips against the stationary surface.